

Exhibit A

Proposed Order

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

BIG LOTS, INC., *et al.*,

Debtors.¹

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-11967 (JKS)

(Jointly Administered)

**ORDER GRANTING FINAL FEE APPLICATION OF GUGGENHEIM SECURITIES,
LLC AS INVESTMENT BANKER FOR THE DEBTORS AND DEBTORS IN
POSSESSION FOR COMPENSATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED
AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD FROM
SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 THROUGH AND INCLUDING JANUARY 27, 2025**

Upon the application (the “Final Fee Application”)² of Guggenheim Securities, LLC (“Guggenheim Securities”) for final approval and allowance of compensation for services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred as investment banker for the Debtors for the period from September 9, 2024 to and including January 27, 2025 (the “Final Compensation Period”); and the Court having reviewed the Final Fee Application; and all applicable requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules having been satisfied; and the compensation earned and expenses incurred by Guggenheim Securities during the Final Compensation Period having been actual, reasonable and necessary; and sufficient notice of the Final Fee Application having been provided such that no other or further notice is required; and

¹ The debtors and debtors in possession in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of their respective employer identification numbers, are as follows: Great Basin, LLC (6158); Big Lots, Inc. (9097); Big Lots Management, LLC (7948); Consolidated Property Holdings, LLC (0984); Broyhill LLC (7868); Big Lots Stores - PNS, LLC (5262); Big Lots Stores, LLC (6811); BLBO Tenant, LLC (0552); Big Lots Stores - CSR, LLC (6182); CSC Distribution LLC (8785); Closeout Distribution, LLC (0309); Durant DC, LLC (2033); AVDC, LLC (3400); GAFDC LLC (8673); PAFDC LLC (2377); WAFDC, LLC (6163); INFDC, LLC (2820); Big Lots eCommerce LLC (9612); and Big Lots F&S, LLC (3277). The address of the debtors’ corporate headquarters is 4900 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43081.

² All capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Final Fee Application.

all persons with standing having been afforded an opportunity to be heard on the Final Fee Application at a hearing held to consider approval thereof; and after due deliberation thereon and good and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

1. The Final Fee Application is GRANTED as set forth herein.
2. Guggenheim Securities is allowed compensation in the amount of \$9,747,438.00 for professional services rendered during the Final Compensation Period, which compensation is approved on a final basis.
3. Guggenheim Securities is allowed reimbursement of expenses incurred during the Final Compensation Period in connection with its services to the Debtors in the amount of \$106,743.70, which reimbursement is approved on a final basis.
5. The Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters relating to the interpretation or implementation of this Order.
6. This Order shall be effective immediately upon entry.